

North Fish Hatchery Road Reconstruction | FAQs



What will the North Fish Hatchery Road reconstruction project involve?

- Improvements to intersection safety and congestion issues.
- Replacement of deteriorating pavement, curb and gutter.
- Repair of underground infrastructure (water and sanitary).
- Replacement of storm sewer.
- Replacement of deteriorating retaining walls.
- Safer access to existing properties and future development areas.
- New traffic signals and street lighting.
- Upgrades to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and improved transit amenities.
- Upgrades to streetscaping, such as plantings, signage and decorative elements.

What is the project timeline?

KL Engineering (KL) began preliminary data gathering in March 2018. Planning and design for the reconstruction will continue through spring 2019. The project will be put out to bid in summer 2019. Set-up staging work is anticipated to begin in late 2019, with the majority of construction to occur in 2020. Final clean-up and restoration will occur in spring 2021.

What is the project budget?

The cost of the reconstruction is estimated at \$22.5 million dollars. Funding will come from Tax Increment Financing (TIF), general tax, Dane County and the City of Madison. The final project budget and sources will be determined in early 2019.

Will the road be widened?

No, the road will maintain its overall approximate width. Intersections may be widened.

Will the road be asphalt or concrete?

The City of Fitchburg Common Council approved Resolution R-165-18 in favor of asphalt on September 11, 2018. This decision was based on construction and long-term maintenance cost considerations. The resolution and accompanying pavement design report are posted on the project website. The City will continue to evaluate asphalt and concrete as the final project budget and sources are determined in early 2019.

What will the future design include?

The future cross section, or division of spaces within the public right-of-way, was approved by the City of Fitchburg Common Council on December 11, 2018. The approved cross section includes:

- Two mixed vehicle travel lanes in each direction.
- Outside lanes (third lanes) in each direction remain dedicated to buses, bikes and right turns.
 - The outside lanes will be more prominently marked with paint and on-street symbols.
- Multiuse path on the west side for pedestrians and bicycles.
- Sidewalk on the east side, with the potential for a multiuse path on the east side under evaluation.

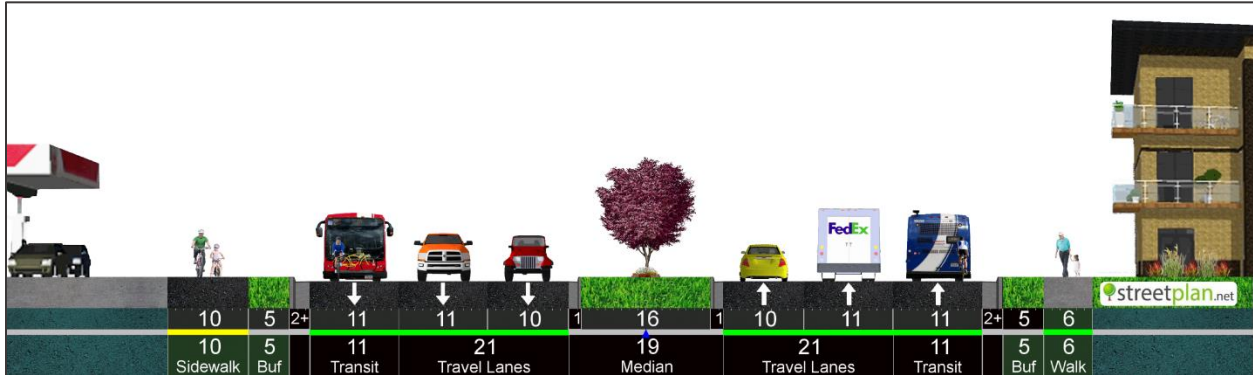
Design elements that will be determined in 2019 include:

- Lighting and other streetscape improvements.



- Intersection improvements.
- Safety improvements for driveways and median openings.
- Speed limit reduction.

Approved cross section:



Will bicycle improvements be included?

The dedicated outer bus/bike lane in each direction will remain. A multiuse path for pedestrians and bicyclists will be added to the west side. A multiuse path instead of a sidewalk on the east side is being considered.

Will pedestrian improvements be included?

Pedestrian improvements made during the reconstruction will include ADA-accessible curb ramps and median islands, pedestrian crossing signals at all signalized intersections, and crosswalk markings at appropriate intersections.

How does this project accommodate the future potential for bus rapid transit (BRT)?

The existing dedicated transit lanes on North Fish Hatchery Road are expected to be used for BRT if implemented in the future. Additional modifications to transit stops and other infrastructure may also be required in the future with BRT. The project team has coordinated with the City of Madison and Madison Metro since summer 2018 and will continue to meet with the BRT team through final design.

For more information about bus rapid transit, you may visit the website for the City of Madison's current East-West BRT Planning Study: www.MadisonBRT.com.

Who has provided input on this plan?

Two public meetings to gather input on the North Fish Hatchery Road reconstruction were held on August 22 and November 8, 2018. A resident focus group was held on December 10, 2018. The project team has met monthly since June 2018 with a Community Liaison Team of representatives from nearby neighborhood associations, businesses, organizations, and elected officials whose districts the project is within.

The approved cross section was reviewed by the City of Fitchburg Board of Public Works, Transportation and Transit Commission, Finance Committee, and Common Council.

A third public meeting to present the final design will be held in spring 2019.

How will the road operate during construction?

It is anticipated that North Fish Hatchery Road will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction; however, access to businesses on both sides will be maintained throughout the construction period.

What else should I anticipate regarding construction?

More details regarding construction will be shared by the project team during spring and summer 2019. The City of Fitchburg and City of Madison will work together to anticipate and safely manage alternate routes for traffic throughout the reconstruction.